



Summer Camps 2009, one-week programs for school children, begins June 8. Eastern Idaho Technical College (EITC), Idaho National Laboratory (INL) and the Eastern Idaho Technical College Foundation (EITCF) co-sponsor the program.

## **INL, technical college, foundation sponsor elementary school summer camps**

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Elementary school students will get a unique opportunity to explore the wonders of mathematics, science and technology through the Summer Camps 2009 program.

Program sponsors from [Eastern Idaho Technical College \(EITC\)](#), [Idaho National Laboratory \(INL\)](#) and the [Eastern Idaho Technical College Foundation \(EITCF\)](#) held a media event on June 8 at 8 a.m. in EITC's cafeteria. The public was invited to this event, which featured presentations from the EITC Foundation, the EITC president and INL officials.

Summer Camps 2009 offers a series of four one-week programs available to children who have completed grades 1-6. Camps are offered in math, science and technology beginning the weeks of June 8, 15, 22 and July 6. Camps will be available from 8 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"The Summer Science Camp Program was developed to get eastern Idaho elementary and secondary students excited about math and science enough that they actually develop requisite math and science skills and eventually pursue science-based careers," said Juan Alvarez, INL deputy laboratory director.

According to Alvarez, "the summer science camps program will enhance rather than duplicate science, mathematics and technology curriculum taught during the traditional school year. Camp instructors have written clearly defined performance objectives for each discipline, and students are given the opportunity to pursue discovery-learning and problem solving."

EITC's Summer Camps 2009 program costs \$60 per class. Full scholarships are available for children on Medicaid or those receiving Title I funding.

"Our intent is to make sure everyone is able to send their kids to this worthwhile program," says Roger Mayes, EITC Foundation chairman and INL Education Programs manager. "The foundation contributed a significant amount of funding for this program because its members believe the need exists to increase the number of elementary students who enroll in math and science classes at the secondary level. We are also convinced that a growing number of occupations will require math and science competencies."

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